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## Monroe Street Neighborhood Center continues Tuesday free food pantry during COVID-19 Pandemic



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(L-R) Rev. Larry Clark: Pastor of Monroe Street United Methodist Church, Clara Petty: Ex. Director of Monroe Street Neighborhood Center, and Isamar Rivera: Food Pantry Coordinator help with food distribution at the Monroe Street Neighborhood Center's weekly free Food Pantry.

By: Michael Daniels  
Journal Staff Writer

Many things have changed at the Monroe Street Neighborhood Center since the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Several popular community programs have been put on hold, people are no longer allowed inside the building and some activities have been canceled, altogether, for the time being.

However, one program has remained strong and steady, and that is the Tuesday Free Food Pantry. Every Tuesday between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm the Monroe Street Neighborhood Center's Food Pantry is open to the public. Unlike some other food pantries in the city, the Monroe Street Neighborhood pantry is open to everyone regardless of where you live. All you have to do is show up and complete a short questionnaire.

Clara Petty, the Executive Director of Monroe Street Neighborhood Center, said, "We were doing this every week, long before the pandemic started. However, since the pandemic began, we are serving more people than we have in the past. Now we are serving anywhere from 50 to 70 families weekly."

She added, "Many people have lost their jobs or are laid off because of the pandemic, and they are not receiving their unemployment yet. In addition, some haven't received their stimulus payment either. Because of these factors and other reasons, the need in the community has increased. We are grateful that we are here and able to provide this service to those in need. We are also grateful to the organizations that help us to provide this service to the public."

Monroe Street Neighborhood Center receives its food from the Northwest Ohio Food Bank and the Seagate Food Bank, as well as, some items they purchase themselves.

The black fabric shopping bags used

by patrons to carry their food home in are donated to the Center's Food Bank by the non-profit organization CareSource.

The Center aims to provide healthy food to its patrons such as fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, eggs, cereal, pasta, assorted breads from Panera Bread, as well as, other items.

Former Monroe Street Neighborhood Center volunteers and food pantry patron Tammie Crosby said, "Because of the current crises, I'm getting low on things in the house. I came here today to get food to help feed my family. The staff here is really nice and they always treat you real swell."

Trina Boone a member of Monroe Street United Methodist Church and a former volunteer of the Center also added, "I enjoy coming here and the staff members are very nice people. This is a wonderful and joyful place to be. I also am running a little low on food items so I decided to come here and pick up a food package. These are hard times for a lot of people and this free food pantry is very helpful to the community. We are all in this together and I pray that everybody endures, and stays safe."



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Monroe Street Neighborhood Center's Food Pantry Coordinator: Isamar Rivera: and volunteer John Bachelot wait to register customers at the free food pantry.



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Food Pantry patrons and former Monroe Street Neighborhood Center volunteers (L-R) Tammie Crosby and Trina Boone pick up healthy and nutritious groceries for their families from the Monroe Street Neighborhood Center's weekly free Food Pantry.



# Magic Johnson to Provide \$100M in Capital to Fund PPP Small Business Loans

Submitted

NBA legend turned social entrepreneur Magic Johnson has committed to providing \$100 million in capital to fund small business loans through the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). His companies, Magic Johnson Enterprises and EquiTrust Life Insurance Company, have partnered with a New Jersey-based lender called MBE Capital Partners that specializes in financing minority and women-owned businesses.

In total, Johnson's investment will fund loans for about 5,000 small businesses. He reportedly has

launched the initiative to help the many Black and minority-owned small businesses that were overlooked during the first round of loans that the U.S. government launch. Many who applied never even heard anything regarding their application.

"What we're launching here now is so important because we're going to save a lot of small, minority businesses because they can't just walk into the bank and get that loan," Johnson told The Wall Street Journal.

Black and minority communities in the U.S. have been disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Major cities like New York City, Chicago, and Detroit have all seen higher African American death rates because of the virus. Even worse, their local business communities have been shattered leaving many Black entrepreneurs with no other option but to shut their enterprises.

To learn more and/or to apply for the loans available through Magic Johnson's new partnership, visit [www.mbecp.com](http://www.mbecp.com)


A portrait of Magic Johnson, a Black man with a shaved head, wearing a grey pinstripe suit, a white shirt, and a purple patterned tie. He is smiling and looking slightly to the right.

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NBA legend Magic Johnson

# Brett Hart named president of United Airlines

Submitted

BlackmansStreet.Today - United Airlines, the world's third-largest airline based on revenue, recently announced that it has named Brett J. Hart, president of United Airlines Holding Inc., as part of the Chicago-based airlines' succession plan in which CEO Oscar Munoz will become executive chair and Scott Kirby, the current president, will become CEO.

The organizational changes, first announced in December, will take place at United's May 20 annual meeting. Currently, Hart, who joined United in 2010, is executive vice president and chief administrative officer.

"Brett is a well-established and widely

A portrait of Brett Hart, a man with dark hair and a mustache, wearing a light brown blazer over a white shirt. He is smiling.

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Brett Hart, United Airlines president

respected leader who has established a strong track record over the past decade, helping United navigate complex challenges across all areas of

our businesses," Munoz said.

As United's president, Hart will continue to lead the company's public advocacy strategy, including government affairs, corporate communications, legal, and community engagement teams. He also will continue to oversee the corporate real estate, human resources, labor relations, and United's environmental efforts.

"I am honored and energized as I take on these new responsibilities to lead this incredible team that I am convinced will build United into a thriving industry leader," Hart said.

Hart served as United's interim CEO for six months in 2015 while Munoz

recovered from a heart transplant.

United, which has 5,000 flights per day, recently announced that its load factor could drop 20 percent to 30 percent because of the coronavirus. March, which has typically been the airline's best month for traffic, dropped to an all-time low.

David Calhoun, CEO of Chicago-based Boeing, told the Today show that a U.S. carrier will "likely go out of business" as a result of the coronavirus pandemic because it has reduced significantly reduced travel. Boeing is an aircraft manufacturer.

Because of the drop in business, Munoz, Kirby, and Hart will forgo their salaries.

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What are your plans for Memorial Day? Will your activities be different than last year and if so, how will they differ?



Patrice Walker  
Self-Employed

Due to Covid-19, and the fact I have to take care of my sickly mother, I won't be doing anything for Memorial Day; except cleaning my house.



Chris Bates  
Handyman

I will be celebrating with family, but the size of my gathering will be much smaller than in the past. I just plan on obeying the mandates for social distancing.



Grace Reese  
Warehouse Associate

Unfortunately, I won't be around most of my family because of Covid-19, and social distancing. I do plan on having a small gathering, but it won't violate social distancing.



Michael Jones  
Material Handler

Last year, I did celebrate, but due to Covid-19 I won't celebrate this year. It's just not safe to celebrate like I normally do.



Anthony Haythorne  
Maintenance Man

I just plan on barbecuing for my mom, and children. Last year, it was a much bigger celebration, but due to the Coronavirus, I'm playing it safe by just having a small gathering.



Brandon Thompson  
Mechanic

My celebration this year will be the same as last year; there's no difference. I plan on cooking for my brother who's an Army veteran. I have to show love for him.



Brittany Thompson  
Musician

I'm celebrating Memorial Day by barbecuing for my sister who's an Air force veteran. I'm just spending more time with her; so it's no different than last year.

## Ongoing Events

**Lourdes University Appold Planetarium presents the Dome from Home Club**

Lourdes University Appold Planetarium presents the Dome from Home Club. Members will experience a new show every week right from home! Nothing can really compare with the immersive experience of traveling through space in the Appold Planetarium, but watching a version formatted for your flat screen at home is the next best thing.

"The Dome from Home Club is a new STEM-education offering made available free to the public because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Free to sign up. For more information or to sign up for the Dome from Home Club, visit [www.lourdes.edu/outreach/appoldplanetarium](http://www.lourdes.edu/outreach/appoldplanetarium).

**BGSU Math Education students offer help to community**

As parents school children at home during Ohio's stay-at-home order, one challenge persists: math. Bowling Green State University students are stepping up to help.

Math Education students in the College of Education and Human Development, who are also members of the Bowling Green Council of Teachers of Mathematics, are offering free help. The council is a University student organization that promotes professional development for aspiring mathematics teachers. By tweeting council members at @BGSU\_CTM, anyone - students, parents and others - can get their math questions answered.

**Grace Community Center Free Food Pantry**

The hours of service are M-F, 10 am – 3 pm. Children may also receive grab & go lunches from

the hours of 11 -1 M-F. Eligible Seniors in need of food assistance please call for delivery options at 419-248-2467. Elaine Page, Executive Director, Grace Community Center, 406 W. Delaware.

**Senior Centers Closed**

- Lucas County senior centers
- Sandusky County senior centers
- Williams County senior centers
- Wood County senior centers

The Area Office on Aging is recommending that all senior centers contact their participants and determine if anyone needs home-delivered meals, medical or personal supplies or any assistance during the period of closure. Additionally, the Area Office on Aging is recommending that a core team remain accessible to older adults and caregivers as needs arise. For more information call 419. 382-0624.

**June 7th Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church Pastoral Appreciation postponed**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic situation. The 55th Pastoral Appreciation of Rev. Dr. John E. & Mother Bernice Roberts of the Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church will be held at a later date. God Bless and stay safe.

**Every 3rd Saturday River of Life Church**

Hosts "The Storehouse" free food distribution from 11:00am to 1:00pm , 3611 Upton Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43613. Ephesians 6:7 - NLT - Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

**Now - Until WGTE Public Media Home Learning**

WGTE Public Media in collaboration with all of the Ohio Public Broadcasting stations announces AT Home Learning, at 7:00 a.m. WGTE change its

programming to educational programming to help students ranging from high school to early learners. This programming is designed for students who may not have computer and online access. This new programming will be available until schools resume.

For more information contact Theresa A. Bush, Marketing Communications Manager at [theresa\\_bush@wgte.org](mailto:theresa_bush@wgte.org).

**May 20th Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers: Middle StageEducational Program Offered Virtually in May**

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will be presenting a virtual educational program, "Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers: Middle Stage," on Wednesday May 20. During the educational workshop, caregivers and professionals will provide strategies on how to provide safe and effective care for your loved one. Session is from 3:30- 5 p.m. Pre-registration is required. The free workshop, which is open to the public, will utilize video conferencing to allow individuals to participate in the convenience of their homes.To register for the program, call 800.272.3900.Local staff is available during business hours at 419.537.1999.

**2020 Crosby Festival Of The Arts Rescheduled The 55th Crosby Festival of Arts**

Scheduled for June 26-28, will not take place as planned at Toledo Botanical Garden. due to limitations surrounding large group events, Crosby Festival of the Aarts has been moved, the event is rescheduled for October 10 and 11 at the Lucas County Recreation Center indoor facility in Maumee, OH. Further details, including show hours, artists, amenities, and tickets will become available later this summer. For more information contact Yvonne Dubielak, Executive Director, at 419-720-8714 or visit our website: [toledogrows.org](http://toledogrows.org)



# WHITE SKIN PRIVILEGES IN OVERDRIVE!



By Lafe Tolliver,  
Attorney

As some of you may know by now due to the hellacious subject matter of this column and the wrath that it will bring down on my head from local Trumpsters whenever I write about their dear Leader, I have decided to use this Covid-19 pandemic to go into temporary hiding.

Over the years I have developed an extensive network of sympathetic readers and contacts in nine states and seven foreign countries and have been granted promises of immunity if I found it needful to flee these United States.

My deepest thanks go out to the countries of Cuba, Ghana, Morocco, Isle of Man, Ethiopia, Costa Rica and Norway for their substantial diplomatic support in these trying times.

What has or may well generate a firestorm is that I will compare the amazing differential treatment that Herr Trump is afforded by White America; and to compare his mentally challenged antics, delusions of grandeur, threats, bullying, racism and sexism to that of former President Barack H. Obama... if Obama were to have engaged in such reprehensible acts of conduct, vile language and boorish conduct to our foreign allies.

President Obama “suffered” during his eight years of being President from the following incidents and of which were not remotely sufficient to upend established social mores and government values.

His predictability and even steadiness and great intellectual capital, endearing empathy and compassion for all, made him an outstanding President leader, bar none.

At the hands of outraged white Re-



publicans who were shell shocked to have a black man being the CEO of the US of A for eight years, his foibles included the following: [1] wearing a tan colored suit in the Oval Office [2] The First Lady wearing sleeveless dresses that showed her muscular arms [3] mistakenly saying that the Affordable Care Act would allow you to keep your doctor (Note: as it worked out, you could keep your doctor if the doctor agreed to be a part of the care act [4] defending Hillary Clinton as his Secretary of State.

As you know, the GOP Senate was enraged that after years of investigation into Benghazi that no criminal liability was found against her or President Obama.

Obama’s greatest fault was his seemingly desire to not go public regarding the racial antics of the GOP Senators and especially so when they, for no good reason, blocked his Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland from even getting an up or down vote from the Senate!

Recently, there has been a horrible spate of shootings by white policemen against people of color and in which it seems that itchy trigger fingers prevailed over common sense or that other least drastic means to take an opponent down were not employed.

“Again, the class and race divisions in America are puss like blisters being popped and it is not a pretty sight to behold.”

The ghastly murder of the jogger, Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia reminds all of us that life is fragile and can be taken in a moment’s notice; and even quicker when your race is a factor in determining who lives or who dies.

Who would have remotely thought that a deadly virus, Covid-19, would blatantly uncover the racial divide in this country regarding medical care and services and again, who lives and who dies.

Not only did this Covid-19 expose the hypocrisy of America’s care for all being a lie but a stubborn lie at that when it came to black and brown people receiving the brunt end of the sharp stick when the virus sought out its victims.

Now, we have revelations that this virus is revealing that the educational system is woefully flawed when it

comes to the fair distribution of educational services to those who do not have the wherewithal to afford computers and Internet services during a prolonged shut down of the schools.

Again, the class and race divisions in America are puss like blisters being popped and it is not a pretty sight to behold.

Well-funded school districts and its pupil population have the financial muscle to have computers and the assortment of related services that allow “those” kids to weather an educational downturn whereas “other” kids have to take it on the chin when it comes to educational parity.

America and its educational systems and its opportunities thereto, never made room for minorities to sit at the table as equals and to receive a fair share of the bounty.

That is because America was not originally set up for that type of fair distribution of goods and services to people of color and because of that, when deadly viruses run rampant, the resulting inequities are glaringly abhorrent.

A good read on this shameful history is: Stamped From the Beginning by Ibram S. Kendi. Read it and weep.

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## The Murder of Ahmaud Arbery — and Our Continuing Terror

By Jesse Jackson  
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Today there is a national outcry about the murder of Ahmaud Arbery. The public condemnation has forced a belated

response. Those accused of his murder finally have been arrested. His murder has become a global embarrassment for whites. For blacks, however, it is another humiliation, a continuing terror. It is the normal silence, however, that condemns thousands of African Americans to unjust deaths and millions to shattered lives. When the camera turns away, the savage injustice that embarrasses us becomes simply business as usual. The horror of Ahmaud Arbery’s murder is now well known. The 25-year-old black man went for a jog down the middle of the street in the middle of the day on Feb. 23. Two white men decided he was suspicious, hunted him down and shot him point blank in the middle of the street at 1 p.m. Local law enforcement had video evidence of the crime. Yet no arrest was made until 74 days later, two months and two weeks after the murder. Local authorities chose not to act.

Two U.S. senators said nothing. The white church—that had blessed slavery, segregation, apartheid in South Africa—was silent. Why did the arrests finally take place? Because an intrepid reporter from the New York Times investigated the story and made it public; the murder video was leaked to the public on the 72nd day after Ahmaud’s murder. As the public outrage grew, the arrests were made. Never forget, as one commentator noted, they did not make the arrests because THEY saw the incriminating video. They made the arrests because WE saw the video. Embarrassed, faced with an aroused community and an international scandal, they finally acted. So it goes. African Americans suffer in silence the savage injuries of institutionalized racism. We live in northern ghettos—driven there in the early part of the last century by terrorism—most strikingly the

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# COVID-19 financial warnings: Consumers and banks should stay away from payday loans



By Charlene Crowell,  
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For the foreseeable future, ‘normal’ life will be indefinitely suspended due to the global pandemic known as the coronavirus. Record-breaking employment layoffs in the month of March resulted in the Department of Labor reporting that 10.4 million consumers lost their jobs and filed for unemployment compensation. As medical experts continue to track the virus, they have reported at least 2.5 million known infections and at least 90,000+ related deaths.

Beyond these statistics, untold numbers of additional school and retail closures, and an expanding army of people working from home have also been directly affected by the virus.

Consumers both young and old have passed as the virus continues to spread across the country. Its viral wrath has spawned hot spots from the Pacific Northwest’s Seattle, to the Gulf Coast’s New Orleans, the Midwest’s Detroit and the nation’s largest urban metropolis, New York City.

Zeroing in on the economic impacts of the crisis, people everywhere are struggling with competing needs in their lives. When living costs exceed available financial resources, tough times lead to tough decisions about how to feed families, keep a home to live in, ways to keep utilities working and a myriad of other day-to-day needs.

Despite a trillion dollar federal rescue enacted with bipartisan support, checks of \$1,200 promised to taxpayers, along

with an additional \$500 per child arrived too late for first payments for bills like mortgages and rental payments. Many leaders also warn that despite its size or range of areas addressed, the legislation, was not enough.

In a March 27 House floor statement, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Chairwoman of the House Financial Services Committee warned colleagues that their job was not yet complete.

“[I] must make clear that the legislation is far from comprehensive, and that there are issues it leaves unaddressed and areas where it falls short...The American people need help now and this bill represents a down payment on that relief,” said Waters.

A similar reaction came from AARP chief executive Jo Ann Jenkins.

“Older Americans face the one-two punch of coronavirus’s health and economic consequences, and many need immediate relief and ongoing help and support to cope with the pandemic,” noted Jenkins. “Those needs are only set to grow in the weeks and months ahead.”

What can really make a difference between life’s success and failure is not just what leaders do but also what they didn’t do when they had the chance. The recent legislative package was silent on interest rates, as well as forgiveness of federal student loans, negative credit reports or bans on private evictions for late rental payments.

As the cost of living has risen faster and higher than most consumer incomes for more than a decade, the likelihood of a savings account large enough to cover household expenses for a month or more is slim to none.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), the agency tasked with protecting consumers from unscrupulous lenders has been conspicuously subdued. Instead of forceful and timely agency alerts via multi-media communications warning consumers about opportunistic

scam artists, CFPB has offered a modest tip sheet on how consumers – not government – can protect themselves. Fortunately, as the viral saga unfolds, some news outlets are reporting on the potential harms of consumers turning to payday and car-title loans.

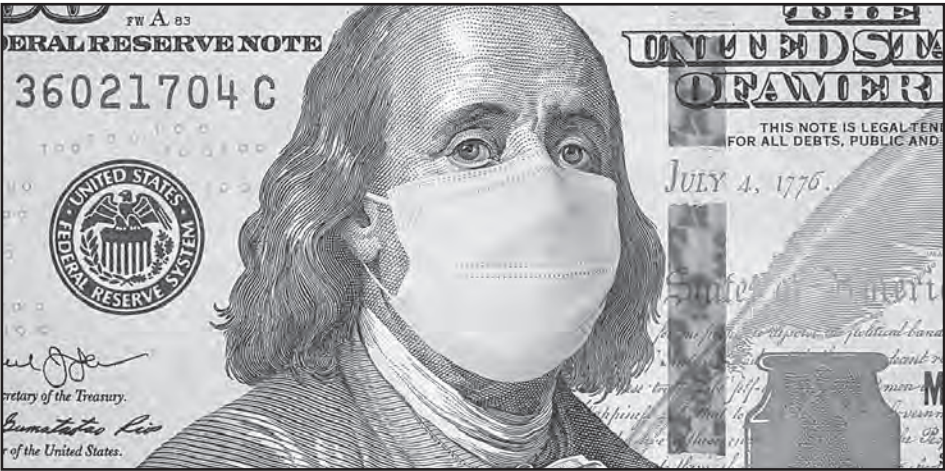
A joint response by five federal regulators - Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) – came on March 26 in a statement that encouraged banks, savings and loans, and

imbalances, unexpected expenses, or income disruptions during periods of economic stress or disaster recoveries.”

Without any specifics defining “reasonable small dollar loans”, the regulators’ statement could be an inducement to join triple-digit lenders’ financial exploitation.

For Black America and other communities of color, predatory short-term loans of \$500 or less began decades ago when payday and car-title storefronts took prominent residence in our neighborhoods across the country. Loans that were marketed as quick fixes for millions of consumers morphed into long-term financial nightmares that deepened debt with every renewal. In many cases, the interest paid on these loans was often double or triple the amount of principal borrowed.

A coalition of civil and consumer rights organizations released a joint statement warning of the possible spike in high-cost lending by the nation’s depository institutions – banks, credit unions and savings and loans.



“When living costs exceed available financial resources, tough times lead to tough decisions about how to feed families, keep a home to live in, ways to keep utilities working and a myriad of other day-to-day needs.”

credit unions to offer “responsible small dollar loans” to consumers and small businesses during the pandemic.

According to the regulators, “responsible small-dollar loans can play an important role in meeting customers’ credit needs because of temporary cash-flow

possible time for banks to make predatory payday loans,” said Americans for Financial Reform Education Fund, the Center for Responsible Lending, Leadership Conference for Civil and Human Rights, NAACP, National Consumer Law Center.

“Around the time of the last recession, a handful of banks issued ‘deposit advances’ that put borrowers in an average of 19 loans a year at over 200% annual interest,” continued the leaders. “These bank payday loans disproportionately harmed the financially vulnerable and badly damaged banks’ reputations. Since 2013 when regulatory guidance warned against this form of credit, banks have mostly stayed away. We trust that they will continue to do so as they do not want to repeat mistakes of the past.”

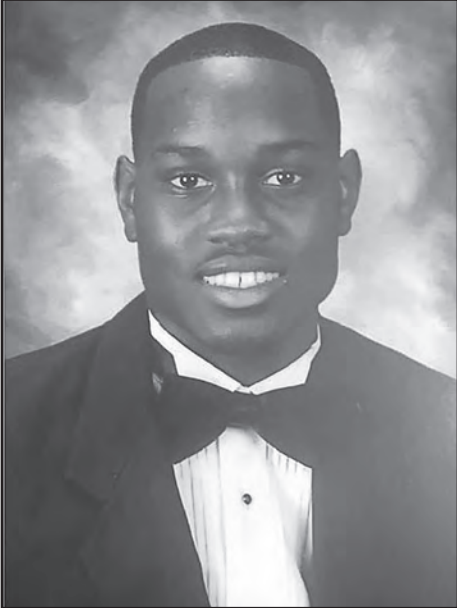
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Ku Klux Klan and their signature lynchings. The Equal Justice Initiative reports there were 4,084 lynchings of blacks in the South from 1877 to 1950. The Klan, embraced by and often made up of the white gentry of the South, often gathered at their churches to organize the public lynchings. They terrorized blacks to end the fusion multiracial coalitions that grew up in the Reconstruction, and to take back control of their states. The lynchings and violence were greeted with silence, if not approval. White authorities, white churches, white society turned their heads, if they weren’t applauding in approval. Fleeing north, Blacks were red lined into ghettos, with jobs hard to get, and discrimination closing doors.

To this day, African-Americans are last hired and first fired. We suffer the worst poverty, the highest unemployment, the highest childhood hunger and malnutrition, the most inadequate health care. This reality is sustained by the silence



of white elites, the silence of the White church, the silence of the evangelicals, the silence of the best minded citizens. Then, the virus hits, and its most lethal

effect is on those who are vulnerable: the elderly, the sick, the hungry, those with asthma and obesity. It hits hardest among the suddenly proclaimed “essential workers” who do the work that previously was largely “invisible: the bus drivers, the grocery clerks, the nurses and medical aides. Not surprisingly, African Americans make up a disproportionate number of those killed or infected by the virus.

The racial disparities are so stark that they gain national and international attention. Pundits express shock and outrage at the reports, as if they were surprised by the results. Editorials demand reform. Politicians call for action. The informed public is embarrassed. But little happens: the rescue packages passed by Congress send most of the money to the biggest companies and the most affluent investors. Banks are saved; the post office —with a largely minority workforce —is starved. Hunger spreads. Any expansion of food stamps is blocked. Arrested for leading

nonviolent protests against segregation, Dr. Martin Luther King penned his letter from the Birmingham jail expressing his grave disappointment with the “white moderate” and the “White church.” He suggested that the “great stumbling block” for African Americans seeking their freedom is “not the White Citizen’s Council or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate “who is more devoted to order than to justice.” He decried a religious community “largely adjusted to the status quo, standing as a tail-light behind other community agencies rather than a headlight leading men to higher levels of justice.” The virus didn’t discriminate. The society enforced the discrimination; the virus just preyed upon its victims. We have gone too long, struggled too hard to adjust to the reality that it is dangerous to be black while jogging or to be black in a pandemic. It isn’t enough to express dismay when the newspapers highlight the horrors. We need leaders and citizens of conscience who will act and not rest until justice is done.



# Unemployed Due to Coronavirus?

## Find Available Benefits

*Submitted*  
(StatePoint) - Self-quarantines and stay-at-home orders as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic are having an impact on employment right now, and that may continue for some time. During this period of uncertainty, finding ways to pay bills or keep medical benefits are top concerns for many. Here are some tips from Janine Nowatzky, managing director of Inside Rx.

What is unemployment insurance and how do I sign up?

Unemployment insurance is a program between your state and the federal government that provides money when you've lost your job. With the federal government's passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, you can receive an enhanced benefit. It authorizes:

- Self-employed and gig workers to receive benefits
- An extra \$600 a week for up to six months
- An extra 13 weeks of benefits beyond what your state currently provides

Each state's rules are different. Review your state's unemployment

insurance program to learn about how to apply for benefits. Or learn more by visiting [www.usa.gov/unemployment](http://www.usa.gov/unemployment).

**How much money will I get?**

It will vary by state. But remember, under the CARES Act, you will be able to get an additional \$600 a week for up to six months. The program's start date was set to Jan. 27. So if you lost your job due to COVID-19-related reasons between the end of January and now, then you should be able to receive the additional benefit.

**What about health insurance?**

It's scary to think about getting through this pandemic without health insurance. What benefits you're able to keep all depends on who you work for. The first step is to ask your employer. They may allow you to continue your health coverage for a short period of absence.

If your employer is allowing you to keep your insurance, be sure to clarify if your missed premium payments will be:

- Covered partially or fully by your employer
- Deducted when you come back to work
- Have to be paid now to continue getting insurance

Your employer may also offer health care coverage through COBRA, but that can be very expensive.




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A limited number of states have also opened enrollment to their own Affordable Care Act (ACA) health insurance exchanges. You may be able to sign up for a health insurance plan – even without a life-changing event, which is the usual exception to the standard open enrollment periods.

**What about prescription medications?**

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## Toledo Zoo Debuts Baby Orangutan

By: Kim Kaddix  
Toledo Zoo

Please join Your Toledo Zoo in welcoming into the world and into our hearts a male baby orangutan, Fajar (fah-zhar). Fajar, whose name means dawn or start of a new day, was born on October 12, 2019 to first time parents Leela and Bajik (bah-zhee), both Bornean orangutans. At this time, mom and baby remain under the watchful eyes of animal care staff in an off-exhibit area with dad nearby as they continue to bond. A public debut date has not been set.

Shortly after giving birth, Leela was observed cradling and cleaning her baby, however, keepers were concerned about the placenta remaining attached. The decision was made to separate mom and baby for a full veterinary examination. Tests revealed Fajar had an infection in the umbilicus. While being treated for the infection, the new offspring was hand-reared by great apes' staff 24 hours a day. For approximately six months, great apes' staff had to constantly hold the baby, who in the wild would cling to mom, while also trying to maintain a close bond between mom and baby. Keepers trained daily with both Fajar and Leela in hopes of reuniting them as soon as possible. Leela's maternal training behaviors were positively reinforced, and using a bottle on a stick for feeding, the baby was introduced. At the

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# Ohio's update on business reopenings



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Last Tuesday, Governor DeWine announced that the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (OJFS) has received approval from the United States Department of Agriculture for its Pandemic EBT plan. The approval will allow OJFS to distribute SNAP benefits to 850,000 students across Ohio who relied on free or reduced-price meal programs when school was in session to have access to a hot, nutritious meal. The benefits will be mailed directly to students, and families do not need to apply to be eligible.

Families will receive approximately \$300 to purchase healthy and nutritious foods to feed their children. These benefits amount to more than \$250 million that will go to our grocery stores and other eligible retailers.

Sectors licensed by the State Medical Board of Ohio, including massage therapy, acupuncture, and cosmetic therapy, tattoo and body piercing services were permitted to reopen on Friday, May 15 with the implementation of proper safety measures.

The full list of mandatory and recommended best practices can be found on Personal Services Advisory Group .

Ohio Department of Aging Director announced a new service that will provide a daily check-in by phone for Ohioans age 60 or older to ensure that older Ohioans stay connected while staying at home.

The Staying Connected program will call older adults who sign up for the service during a predetermined window of time. When participants answer the phone, they will be asked to respond via touch-tone to confirm that they are OK or to access live support.

If no one answers after three attempts, a call is then made to an alternate contact (if provided) or to non-emergency services. The service can be canceled at any time.

Eligible Ohioans can sign up at [aging.ohio.gov](http://aging.ohio.gov) or by calling 1-800-266-4346.

Beginning **Sunday, May 31**, childcare providers and day camps in Ohio will be permitted to reopen if these providers can meet required safety protocols.

The full list of mandatory and recommended best practices from Governor DeWine's Early Childhood Advisory Council can be found at [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

To assist in the reopening of child care centers, Ohio will use more than \$60 million in federal CARES Act funding to provide reopening grants to all of Ohio's childcare providers, including family childcare, childcare centers, and both publicly-funded and private providers. More

information on how to apply will be posted to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' website soon.

Beginning **Thursday, May 21**, campgrounds in Ohio will be permitted to reopen if these facilities can meet required safety protocols. The full list of mandatory and recommended best practices for both campgrounds and campers can be found at Outdoor Recreation Advisory Group is available at [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

Beginning **Tuesday, May 26**, Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) locations in Ohio will be permitted to reopen for certain services if these facilities can meet required safety protocols. Services that can be accomplished online should still be done online. More details on online BMV services can be found at [oplates.com](http://oplates.com).

Beginning **Tuesday, May 26**, gyms and fitness centers in Ohio will be permitted to reopen if these facilities can meet required safety protocols.

Beginning **Tuesday, May 26**, non-contact and limited contact sports leagues in Ohio will be permitted to operate if these leagues can meet required safety protocols. This applies only to non-contact and limited-contact sports.

A full list of mandatory and recommended best practices from the Governor at: Large Venue Advisory Group.

Beginning **Tuesday, May 26**, public pools and club pools that are regulated by local health departments in Ohio will be permitted to reopen if these facilities can meet required safety protocols.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to people through the water in pools, hot tubs, spas, or water play areas. Proper operation and maintenance (including disinfection with chlorine and bromine) of these facilities should inactivate the virus in the water.

This does not apply to water parks or amusement parks. Safety protocols for these venues are in

development.

Beginning **Friday, May 22**, horse racing in Ohio will be permitted if these operations can meet required safety protocols. Spectators will not be permitted.

This does not apply to casinos and racinos. Safety protocols for these venues are in development.

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov) or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.



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# Everything You Need to Know About the Tuskegee Experiment



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Black News - The Tuskegee Experiment, a controversial clinical study carried out between 1932 and 1972, was an experiment conducted on primarily African American men in Macon County, Alabama. These men were being used to study the effects of untreated syphilis, but did not give consent nor were they properly advised of their diagnosis.

The participants were in fact sick, but while being "cared for" by researchers, many were only given placebos such as aspirin and mineral supplements. Because no effective care was being provided, many of the participants eventually went blind, lost their minds, or experienced other severe health problems due to their untreated syphilis. Others died.

In 1960, Peter Buxton, a U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) venereal disease investigator in San Francisco, expressed his concerns that it was unethical after learning about the Tuskegee study. As a result, PHS officials formed a committee to review the study and later opted to continue it.

In 1972, Jean Heller of the Associated Press broke the story to mainstream media. This prompted public outrage from Black

communities all across the country and forced the study to be discontinued. It led to the 1979 Belmont Report and the creation of the National Human Investigation Board. It also led to the creation of the Institutional Review Board, an independent ethics committee that reviews the methods proposed for research to ensure that they are ethical. A settlement of \$10 million was also awarded to the surviving participants and the heirs of the deceased.

In 1997, President Bill Clinton issued a formal apology from the White House, stating, "The United States government did something that was wrong — deeply, profoundly, morally wrong... It is not only in remembering that shameful past that we can make amends and repair our nation, but it is in remembering that past that we can build a better present and a better future."

# Social Security benefits for children with disabilities

By Erin Thompson  
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Toledo, OH



SSA's Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program helps children with qualifying disabilities and their families. For this program, a child must meet all of the following requirements to be considered disabled and medically eligible:

The child must have a medical condition, or a combination of conditions, that result in "marked and severe functional limitations." This means that the condition(s) must very seriously limit the child's activities.

The child's condition(s) must have been disabling, or be expected to be disabling, for at least 12 months; or the condition(s) must be expected to result in death.

Compassionate Allowances are a way we quickly identify diseases and other medical conditions that, by definition, meet Social Security's standards for disability benefits. Thousands of children receive benefits because they have one of the conditions on the list at [www.ssa.gov/compassionateallowances/conditions.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/compassionateallowances/conditions.htm).

A child must also meet other eligibility requirements. Since we only pay SSI to disabled people with low income and limited resources, a child, who is not blind, must not be working or earning more than \$1,260 a month in 2020. A child who is blind must not be working or earning more than \$2,110. This earnings amount usually changes every year. In addition, if the parents of the child or children have more resources than are allowed, then the child or children will not qualify for SSI. You can read more about children's benefits at [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10026.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10026.pdf).

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# Princeton University's First Ever Black Valedictorian in 274 Years



Nicholas Johnson

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In April 2020, Nicholas Johnson, who belongs to the 2020 class of Princeton University, made history after he became the first African American student to ever be named valedictorian in the school's history. According to the University's School of Engineering and Applied Science, he is also the first valedictorian in the department's 21-year history.

Johnson was a dedicated student that majored in operations research and financial engineering. He served as a writing fellow at Princeton's Writing Center, a residential college adviser for Whitman College, and even worked as a software engineer at Google's California headquarters during his senior year. Also his academic interests gave him the opportunity to take cultural immersion trips to Peru, Hong Kong, and the UK.

His senior thesis, "Sequential Stochastic

Network Structure Optimization with Applications to Addressing Canada's Obesity Epidemic," focuses on developing high-performance, efficient algorithms to solve a network-based optimization problem that models a community-based preventative health intervention designed to curb the prevalence of obesity in Canada.

"My favorite memories of my time at Princeton are memories of time spent with close friends and classmates engaging in stimulating discussions — often late at night — about our beliefs, the cultures and environments in which we were raised, the state of the world, and how we plan on contributing positively to it in our own unique way," Johnson said.

He also announced that he plans to earn a Ph.D. at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), where he plans to pursue certificates in statistics and machine learning, applied and computational mathematics, and applications of computing.

# High School Senior makes history

## With 5.6 GPA becomes First Black Valedictorian at His School

Submitted

Nationwide — Timi Adelakun, a senior at South Broward High School in Hollywood, Florida, has made history for being the school's first Black valedictorian and for having a 5.6 GPA – the highest ever in the school's history.

"As of now, it's a 5.6045. I think by graduation it'll go a little bit higher, but that's my number," Adelakun told WSVN, citing that "it's good to know" that he made history in the school.

Adelakun shared that his grades have always been outstanding and he is thankful for his school that helped him keep it up. He took advantage of the school's American College of Education programs that allow students to

receive college credits while in high school, AP courses, and Broward College courses.

"I've been taking over 20 college courses worth of credit, and because of that, my AP credits, my Ace credits, and my dual enrollment credits boost my GPA," he said.

Aside from his academic achievements, he also makes time to enjoy his passion for theater. He is a member of the drama club and the Thespian Honors Society where he has been doing shows and competition. He wanted to do both even in college.

Adelakun was accepted into 8 universities including the University of Miami, Columbia University, Julliard, UCLA, the University of Southern California,

Berkeley, The University of Chicago, and Pomona College. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, he wasn't able to tour the schools, so he had to decide which college to go to from his home.

"I'm going to attend Pomona College. The school gave me a full scholarship, so if I go there it's covered for. I chose that school 'cause it's liberal arts, and I'm able to double major. I'm doing molecular biology and theatre," Adelakun said.

Even though Adelakun wasn't able to attend the usual graduation rites due to the spread of coronavirus, he is looking forward to what's coming next for him.

"I'm excited to go onto new heights and kind of go out of my comfort zone," he said.



Timi Adelakun

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# Jack and Jill of America Scholarships

Submitted

The Jack and Jill of America Foundation's National Scholarship Program is offered to high school seniors who will attend and maintain a full-time status at an accredited, four-year post-secondary institution, starting in the fall of the year and working toward a bachelor's degree.

The program offers need-based scholarships of up to \$2,500 to returning college students enrolled full-time at an accredited, post-secondary institution, and who will begin their Junior or Senior year in the fall of the current year with a major in Communications.

Students must:

- \* Submit an online application
- \* Be an African American and a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- \* Submit a current transcript
- \* Submit a one-page essay of career interest
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# FUNdraising Good Times

## Technology? Digital platforms? Not so fast!



By: Saad & Shaw  
Wire Writers

An important aspect of fundraising is “recurring gifts.” This refers to individuals who give more than once. Fund development focuses on growing one-time donors into recurring donors. To do this you need access to your fundraising and donor data; you need to use technology as a management tool that informs your fundraising strategy. In other words: you can’t skip over fundraising fundamentals as you

focus on how much you are raising through various methods. Technology and digital platforms are important tools, not a cure all.

We suggest looking at fundraising as focused on relationships, with technology being a supportive tool that assists with fund development and fundraising management. This can include reports (or a dashboard) showing number of gifts, average size of gift, recurring donors, and total raised vs. goal. These reports can inform timelines for appeals, segmenting appeals, and coordinating communication activities that reinforce fundraising. Reports can be expanded to include tracking of gift acknowledgment and recognition; they can also inform other forms of fundraising. Digital platforms and online giving facilitate fundraising and extend the reach of your message. They make it easy to give and easy for donors to encourage others to give

through social media sharing.

In most cases online giving expands awareness of an organization and encourages giving at a low-pain-point. Discussions related to larger gifts may be influenced by a strong and dynamic digital presence, but usually occur through personal conversation and relationship building. Sustainable fundraising requires an eye to both “entry level” giving and engagement of current or potential major donors.

When evaluating how and when you will begin or grow your online fundraising, take a moment to look at the “off-line” basics. You want all fundraising strategies to make a consistent case for giving across all platforms and media. They should reinforce the organization’s vision, mission and priorities and be part of a larger process that is built around donor identification, cultivation, solicitation, and retention.

Here are a few more things to

consider: “own” your data and know how to access it. Outsourced campaigns can yield immediate funds; be sure to negotiate ownership of the data that accompanies gifts made to those who fundraise on your behalf. Thank and follow up with all donors. Create engagement strategies, and as appropriate assign donors to “portfolios” for other methods of communication and engagement. Ask new donors for recurring monthly gifts. Document all fundraising methods, contact persons, passwords, processes, and fees; make sure multiple staff know how to access your data and produce reports.

Fundraising success requires access to technology and use of digital platforms. It also requires knowing how to use data to make fund development and fundraising related management decisions that impact the financial health of your organization. Success requires you have both.

## FROM THE DESK OF FELICIA

### Reasons Why Spending Time Away from Your Partner is Necessary

Submitted

Regardless if you’re happily married or not, you need to spend time away from your partner to keep your relationship fresh. This doesn’t include your normal work hours. This means in addition to that time as well. So many couples get bored with one another because they pretty much do everything together, sometimes including working together. A part of having a healthy relationship is being independent of your partner at times.

Spending time away from your partner does not mean that you don’t love them, it really allows space in the relationship to continue enjoying the things that you both like to do without the other person. Usually men will hang out with their male friends at a bar, workout at the gym together or play

sports together during their alone time. Women typically go out to brunch, coordinate spa dates, girls night outs monthly or a fun filled girls trip every so often. All of these activities that you do separate from your partner, will “make the heart grow fonder” as the saying goes.

You don’t want to be that clingy partner because that is a huge turn-off for most people, male or female. I used to want to spend every waking moment that I could with my ex-partner or as soon as I got a boyfriend, I would only spend time with them and not my friends. That is unhealthy to do. If you are currently doing that, I humbly encourage to spend small amounts of time away from your partner. You begin with spending one hour doing something you love and increasing it

as you feel more comfortable doing so.

Let’s go over what not to do during your time away: Anything that has directly correlates to the relationship. Don’t go grocery shopping because you’re cooking dinner later for the both of you? Don’t run any errands related to the house or the relationship. Don’t call or text your partner while your away. UNAPOLOGECTICALLY enjoy spending time away from your partner, doing things that you absolutely love. Usually woman experience feelings of guilt or shame for spending time away from their partners because they get engulfed in thoughts about who’s going to take of care this or that while they’re away???? Go! He/she will figure it out.

You and your partner are two separate people with your own individual wants and needs which requires you to enjoy



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spending time away from each other periodically. Doing this doesn’t make you selfish or means that you don’t love each other. Instead, spending time away from your partner means that you care about yourself and the relationship, overall.

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# Shooting Death in Georgia of Ahmaud Arbery is Defined as a “Modern Day Lynching”



By: Lauren Victoria Burke  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Months after the U.S. House passed a new lynching law, which has been held up by the Republican led U.S. Senate, and a day after investigative journalist Ida B. Wells was posthumously awarded a Pulitzer Prize — a lynching story dated February 23, 2020 is in the news.

The shooting death of Ahmaud Arbery, 25, went viral on social media on May 6, months after his murder. The video shows Arbery jogging down a street in Brunswick, Georgia. It appears to demonstrate the involvement of three men — two on a pickup truck and another filming the scene from behind.

Arbery's death took place on February 23rd about three miles from where he lived. Arbery was an avid jogger and played football.

The two men on the pickup truck have been identified through numerous media reports as Greg McMichael, a retired investigator in the Brunswick District Attorney's office, and his son Travis McMichael. They appear to follow Arbery from behind as he is jogging down a suburban street. Travis McMichael, the alleged shooter, is seen confronting Arbery and part of a

struggle ensues in and outside of the camera's range. The sound of shotgun fire is heard. Arbery is then seen on video collapsing after the sound of the gunshot in front of the truck.

Brunswick District Attorney Jackie Johnson recused herself because one of the men seen in the video of the fatal shooting pointing a gun at Arbery worked in the district attorney's office.

During an exclusive interview on Roland Martin Unfiltered on May 7th with Arbery's mother, Wanda Cooper-Jones confirmed there was no support of her from anyone in the small Georgia community after her son died. That is changing. Since the viral video has been widely seen everyone from LeBron James to former Vice President Biden and President Trump has commented on Arbery's death.

"Initially I was told there was a burglary and a struggle over a firearm," Cooper-Jones said on Roland Martin Unfiltered. She confirmed she has not watched the video of her son's death but the description of it from others did not line up with what authorities told her after her son died.

"I need to get these men indicted. They need to go to jail. Two months has



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Ahmaud Arbery, 25 of Savannah, GA

been too long," said Jones on Martin's show answering a question from Dr. Gregg Carr, the Chairman of the African American Studies Department at Howard University.

Late on May 7, Greg and Travis McMichael were finally arrested. Many observers of the breaking news warned that the exotic charges and where any future court case is likely to take place matters.

The Congressional Black Caucus had demanded arrests the day before and released a statement that in part

read, "the killing of Ahmaud Arbery shows us that the spirit of lynching is still alive and well in our nation and something that we cannot tolerate."

"The scary thing for me is the they thought the video would help his client. The culture is so backwards down there they actually thought that," said Arbery family attorney Lee Merritt on Roland Martin Unfiltered. The case has widely been compared to the 2012 murder of Trayvon Martin in Florida by George Zimmerman.

"What happened to #AhmaudArbery is a MODERN DAY LYNCHING. This February, the House overwhelmingly passed the Emmett Till Antilynching Act, which would make lynching a federal crime," wrote Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL)

South Carolina Republican U.S. Senator Tim Scott wrote, " Every. single.time. The excuses pour in – 'he looked suspicious'... 'we thought he was committing a crime'...The fact remains, #AhmaudArbery was hunted down from a pickup truck and murdered in cold blood. My heart breaks for his family, and justice must be served."

Likely Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden said, Arbery was "shot down in cold blood," and his killing reflected a "rising pandemic of hate."

"Ahmaud Arbery should still be alive right now. This is tragic and unacceptable. It should ignite us all in demands for justice. I'm calling on the Department of Justice to investigate. We need justice for Ahmaud and his family," wrote Sen. Cory Booker on twitter.

## This is the Law Firm That is Handling Ahmaud Arbery's Case

Submitted

**Black News** - Meet the very talented and experienced lawyers handling the case of Ahmaud Arbery, an unarmed 25-year old African American man who was pursued and killed by two white men while jogging in his own neighborhood in Brunswick County, Georgia back in February 2020. The law firm, Stewart Trial Attorneys, founded by L. Christ Stewart, handles a variety of cases including wrongful death, civil rights, and shootings or sexual assaults.

Based in Atlanta, some of their notable results include having won the first ever billion-dollar jury verdict in

U.S. history for a rape victim, a record \$5.1 million negligent security settlement, the first \$1.5 million jury verdict in rural Camden County, three record civil rights settlements, and Minnesota's largest trampoline park injury settlement for \$3 million dollars.

Stewart Trial Attorneys are also recognized worldwide for his civil rights cases including Walter Scott, who was shot in the back on video by a police officer that settled for \$6.5 million dollars, the highest in South Carolina history. He also represents some of the nation's highest profile civil rights death cases including Alton Sterling who was killed on video by police in Baton

Rouge. Attorney Stewart holds five record jury verdicts in Georgia and is regarded as one of the nation's top injury trial lawyers.

Chris himself is one of the most decorated African-American lawyers in the country having received the 2019 Southern Center For Human Rights Vanguard Award, 2018 Julia Humbles' Civil Rights Award, the National Bar Association's Wiley Branton Award for Leadership, the 2018 Outstanding Citizen Award for the State of Georgia, the 2018 Georgia Senate Outstanding



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## Jack and Jill of America Scholarships available



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In accordance with 24 CFR 91.05(c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the City of Toledo (COT) is making an amendment to the 2015-2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan available to the public through this notice.

Public Comment Period and Process:

The Consolidated Plan amendment will be available for review beginning Friday, May 22, 2020, on the website of the following entities:

Department of Neighborhoods One Government Center, 18 <sup>th</sup> Floor Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets website: <a href="https://toledo.oh.gov/services/neighborhood-and-business-development/">https://toledo.oh.gov/services/neighborhood-and-business-development/</a>	Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority 435 Nebraska Avenue Toledo, Ohio 43604 website: <a href="http://www.lucasmha.org">www.lucasmha.org</a>
Office of the Mayor One Government Center, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets website: <a href="https://toledo.oh.gov/government/mayors-office/">https://toledo.oh.gov/government/mayors-office/</a>	Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board 1946 N. 13 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 437 Toledo, Ohio 43604 website: <a href="http://www.endinghomelessness.toledo.org">www.endinghomelessness.toledo.org</a>
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The Fair Housing Center 432 N. Superior Street Toledo, Ohio 43604 website: <a href="http://www.toledofhc.org">www.toledofhc.org</a>	Lucas Co. Board of Developmental Disabilities 1154 Larc Lane Toledo, Ohio 43614 website: <a href="http://www.lucasdd.info">www.lucasdd.info</a>

A public hearing on the Substantial Amendment to the 2015-2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan is scheduled as follows:

Thursday, May 28, 2020, 5:30 p.m. by Virtual Hearing  
Virtual Link: <https://toledo-oh-gov.zoom.us/j/99185317553>

This Consolidated Plan amendment will also be available for a 5-day public review and comment period from May 25, 2020 to May 29, 2020. Citizens wishing to submit written comments during the public review and comment period may mail them, postmarked no later than May 29, 2020, to the following:

CITY OF TOLEDO  
DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS  
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2015-2020 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN  
ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER, SUITE 1800  
TOLEDO, OHIO 43604

You may also email comments no later than May 29, 2020 to Monica Brown, Admin. Analyst IV, at [monica.brown@toledo.oh.gov](mailto:monica.brown@toledo.oh.gov).

Amendment:

This is an amendment to the 2015-2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the COT to enable the COT to receive \$4,453,360.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$2,249,248.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Additional CDBG and ESG funding made available to the COT by HUD through the CARES Act is unknown as this time but will be used for the same purpose of the initial allocations indicated above which is to prevent the spread of Coronavirus 19 (COVID-19) and facilitate assistance to eligible agencies, households, and persons economically impacted by COVID-19. In addition, the COT may reprogram recaptured FY 2019-2020 CDBG funding and ESG funding as needed to respond to COVID-19.

Eligible CDBG activities include, but are not limited to, assisting low- and moderate-income households with rental and utility assistance for no more than three months, feeding/meal programs, business assistance to retain employees that are low- and moderate-income, micro-enterprise grants, community center up-grades, and support of other COVID-19 response services. Eligible ESG activities include street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, Homeless Management Information System, and administration.

Further, eligible CDBG and ESG costs incurred as of March 1, 2020, and paid for with nonfederal funds may be repaid with CDBG and ESG funding, including those made under the CARES Act. These pre-award costs will meet all HUD requirements applicable to CDBG and ESG, including those under the CARES Act. Unless waived by HUD, CDBG pre-award costs for FY 2020-2021 will not exceed 25% of the grant and will be used for the CDBG-eligible activities as indicated above.

Public notices regarding future amendments to the Consolidated Plan will be printed in local newspapers and posted online on the COT's website at [www.toledo.oh.gov](http://www.toledo.oh.gov). Specific activities using ESG funding under the CARES Act will not require a 5-day public comment period but will be posted on the COT's website.

Lastly, as part of this amendment, the COT has revised the Consolidated Plan's Citizen Participation Plan to include the 5-day comment period as indicated above as well as to make other changes. The revised Citizen Participation Plan will be available for review on the COT's website at: <https://toledo.oh.gov/services/neighborhood-and-business-development/fiscal-monitoring/reports-information>.

Background on the Consolidated Plan:

The Consolidated Plan describes the housing and community development needs, as well as activities to address those needs, as defined and funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As required by HUD, the Consolidated Plan brings together, in one (1) consolidated submission, the planning and application aspects of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs. More information on the Consolidated Plan is available on the COT's website at: <https://toledo.oh.gov/services/neighborhood-and-business-development/fiscal-monitoring/reports-information>.

For reasonable accommodations or additional information, please contact Monica Brown, Admin. Analyst IV, Department of Neighborhoods at (419) 245-1400.



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## BLACK HisTORY

**May 20, 1704:** Elias Neau founds school for slave in New York

**May 28, 1814:** Daniel Reaves Goodloe emancipationish, born.

**May 21, 1833:** Black students enroll in classes at Oberlin College, Ohio.

**June 2, 1834:** Fifth national Black convention met in New York with fifty delegates from eight states.

**June 1, 1843:** Sojourner Truth left New York and began her career as an antislavery activist.

**May 22, 1863:** War Department established Bureau of Colored Troops and launched aggressive campaign for recruitment of Black soldiers.

**May 23, 1871:** L. Bell patents locomotive smoke stack.

**May 27, 1898:** Victoria E. Matthews, educator, born.

**May 30, 1903:** Countee Cullen, poet, born.

**May 24, 1905:** Hilda Davis, Born, Washington DC, educator.

**May 25, 1943:** Henrietta Bradberry patents Bed Rack.

**May 31, 1955:** Supreme Court ordered school integration "with all deliberate speed."

**May 29, 1956:** Bus boycott began in Tallahassee, Florida.

**May 26, 1961:** Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee is established in Atlanta, GA.

**May 25, 2008:** A daughter is born to Martin Luther King III and his wife, Arndrea. They named her Yolanda after his late sister.

The hair brush, lawn mower, cellphone, refrigerator, and thank heavens-the air conditioner were all the fruits of **African-American inventors'** creative laboring.

Baseball legend **Jackie Robinson** had an older brother, **Matthew Robinson**, who was also a star athlete in his own right. He won a silver medal in the 200-yard dash in the 1936 Olympics-coming in second to **Jesse Owens**.

**Heavyweight Champ:** **Jack Johnson** became the first African American man to hold the World Heavyweight Champion boxing title in **1908**. He held onto the belt until **1915**.

**First Lawyer:** **John Mercer Langston** was the first black man to become a lawyer when he passed the bar in **Ohio** in **1854**. When he was elected to the post of Town Clerk for Brownhelm, Ohio, in **1855** **Langston** became one of the first African Americans ever elected to public office in America. **John Mercer Langston** was also the great-uncle of **Langston Hughes**, famed poet of the **Harlem Renaissance**.

**Famous Protestors:** While **Rosa Parks** is credited with helping to spark the **Civil Rights movement** when she refused to give up her public bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955- inspiring the **Montgomery Bus Boycott** - the lesser-known **Claudette Colvin** was arrested nine months prior for not giving up her bus seat to white passengers.

**Supreme Court Justice:** **Thurgood Marshall** was the first African American ever appointed to the U.S. **Supreme Court**. He was appointed by President **Lyndon B. Johnson** and served on the court from 1967 to 1991.

**Eminent Scientist:** **George Washington Carver** developed 300 derivative products from peanuts among them cheese, milk, coffee, flour, ink, dyes, plastics, wood stains, soap, linoleum, medicinal oils and cosmetics.

**First Senator:** **Hiram Rhodes Revels** was the first African American ever elected to the **U.S. Senate**. He represented the state of **Mississippi** from February 1870 to March 1871.

**July, 1839:** The slaves carried on the Spanish ship, Amistad, too over the vessel and sailed it to Montauk on Long Island. They eventually won their freedom in a case taken to the Supreme Court.

**July, 1849:** Harriet Tubman escaped from slavery. She would return South at least twenty times, leading over 300 slaves to freedom.

**Madam C.J. Walker**, who was the first U.S. woman to become a self made millionaire, and **George Washington Carver** who derived nearly 300 products from the peanut.

**First Black President:** In 2008, **Barack Obama** became the first black president of the United States.

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# Our Spiritual Posture for Inspired Living

By: Pastor W. Eric Croomes  
Wire Writer

As a Transformation Coach I have observed that up to eighty percent of people in any gym at any given time are exercising with improper posture and technique. Bad form and technique over time can lead to low back pain, neck tension and injury. Even worse, bad posture leads to poor results. But did you know that in life bad mental posture can be just as injurious to our well-being?

Many people do not experience success because they are not mentally postured for success. They get out of bed each morning but have already lost the game mentally. Why? Because of a negative consciousness pattern they refuse to change and as a result they move through life defeated, dejected and demoralized. Believers are called to live by a higher standard! In Ephesians 6:10, we are challenged to “be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.”

The quintessential spiritual and mental posture for success in life – as it is also in the gym – is found in these five principles: feet forward, shoulders squared, back straight, chin up and breathe! This is the believer’s posture!

**Principle #1: Feet Forward**

Feet forward means that you have

been wired for progress and forward movement. Keep moving, no matter the change you are faced with. Don’t resist it. Embrace it. Our universe is in a constant state of change. Right now, as you read this, the earth is being hurled through space at a fantastic rate of speed. It is only gravitational pull that keeps you grounded. The concept is no different in life. Change is dynamic; it is always happening, even when we resist it. George Bernard Shaw said it best, If you cannot change your mind, you cannot change anything.

**Principle #2: Shoulders Squared**

The shoulders squared mental posture is an indication of a resolute spirit; it typifies the person who declares that he or she will not move through life chained by circumstance or past blunders. Show me a person who moves with their shoulders squared and I will show you a person who diligently understands the words of Marcus Garvey, If you have no confidence in self, you are twice defeated in the race of life. I will show you a person who is sure of themselves; who know they have a date with destiny and will allow nothing to prevent that fortuitous encounter from taking place. When your shoulders are squared, you are saying ‘I am a winner!’

**Principle #3: Back Straight**

Why is it important to live with your back straight? Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said it best, the only time someone can ride your back is when it’s bent. People will sense whether you are in complete possession of yourself by the angle of your back! An unsure, mentally limp individual will virtually invite others to ride his or her back by living with a bent-over posture. Do not be one of those people who allow others a free ride at the expense of your pride, character and esteem. Keep your back straight. Stand tall. Walk taller. Think big and act even bigger!

**Principle #4: Chin Up**

Show me a person who lumbers about with their chin down and I will show you a person who has gotten beat down from life. Les Brown often says, if you can look up then you can get up! Chin up means you refuse to be defeated. You live by the mantra: I will not be stopped! Chin up means you’ve taken your blows but you are still standing. Chin up is bounce back! It’s keeping your head to the sky. It’s knowing you were born to soar!

**Principle #5: Breathe**

From the earliest times we have been taught the power of breathing. We know that breathing is more than just a signal that you are alive, but it’s also your connection to your inner



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Divinity. Marina Abramovic writes, To control the breathing is to the control the mind.

Your breath is your most powerful ally in the struggle against internal and external oppression. It alone means that you still have the ability to change your life at any given moment. Breathe deep – in through your nose and out through your mouth – several times a day and renew your inner peace, purpose and power.

Believers must practice good spiritual and mental posture to experience the well-being, success and personal freedom that is ours through Christ!

## Expressing Sympathy During This New Normal

Submitted

(NAPSI)—While experiencing the loss of a loved one is always difficult, these days in the environment of social distancing due to COVID-19, it can be particularly so. If someone you care

about is mourning, it’s still the time to connect to family, friends and co-workers.

While many people are adapting to new everyday routines, the etiquette of expressing sympathy by and large has not changed.

**What You Can Do**

Here are a few helpful tips from the experts at 1-800-Flowers.com:

- Even if you don’t know the person well, saying “I’m sorry for your loss” is always appropriate and meaningful. It’s acknowledging what has happened in an honest and direct way. And it lets the person know they have permission to experience any uncomfortable emotions. You can find more tips on how to comfort someone who is grieving.

- Regarding social media etiquette, follow the lead of the person who is grieving. If they

haven’t said anything on Facebook, neither should you. But if they have posted about it, it is appropriate to comment. For more about the dos and don’ts on expressing condolences on social media.

- Due to the regulations on large gatherings in many places due to COVID-19, many funeral services are being postponed or livestreamed over the Internet, making it an extraordinarily stressful time for the immediate family. If you aren’t able to express your condolences in person at this time, a delivery of a gourmet food basket, houseplant or sympathy flowers to their home is an appropriate way to let them know you are thinking of them. You can find many sympathy gifts and more for home delivery.

- Remember to also support those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, perhaps not so recently,



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and may be feeling a bit more aware right now, be it due to social distancing or an upcoming important date or anniversary. To help, Rebecca Soffer, co-founder of Modern Loss, provides some additional thoughts. You can also explore complimentary sentiment e-cards for Thinking and Sympathy to let them know you are thinking about them.

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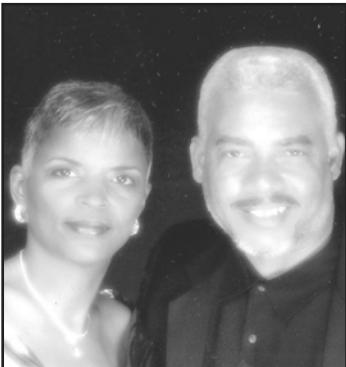
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By Pastor William Hardison

## FAITH AND WORKS

Life was walking down the street and fell into a hole,  
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Doubt told faith that doom would come to be its final plight,  
What a nasty place to be a hole with lots of dirt,  
But faith is what you must use to make your exit work,  
What can you do with all this faith to pass from where you are,  
Just add some work to all that faith and it will take you far!



# At 17-Years Old, Black Golfer to Turn Professional and Wins Her Debut Tournament



## Ginger Howard, youngest black golfer to turn professional

Submitted

Meet Ginger Howard from Darby, Pennsylvania, who made history as a professional golfer when she was still a teenager. In 2010, at the age of 17, she became the youngest African American to turn professional and win her debut tournament. She won 5 events on the SunCoast Mini Ladies Tour, and was the first African American in history to earn a spot in the Junior Ryder Cup.

She actually began playing golf when she was just 6-years old. She says that her dad would take her and her sister to practice with him, and the interest began from there. She went on to train at the IMG Academy with other young top athletes in Bradenton, Florida. During her high school years, she

began taking golf even more seriously and even made it her goal to turn professional one day.

In 2015, she broke through with conditional LPGA Tour status for the first time in her career when she tied for 43rd place in the final stage of the LPGA Tour Qualifying School in Daytona Beach. She also played in the Symetra Tour, the Triple A level of her sport, for five years.

She was also named one of Golf.com's most "Beautiful Women in Golf."

Ginger, who continues to play golf today, says that the strongest part of her game is her mental. Her younger sister, Robbi, who also excelled during her junior golf career but suffered an injury, has become her full-time caddy.

# TARTA Extends COVID-19 Employee Policies Recognizing Essential Work Duties

Submitted

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) is extending employee policies that recognize and support the essential duties of its workforce during the coronavirus pandemic. TARTA General Manager Kimberly Dunham announced the extension of the following benefits and policies through May 29, 2020:

Front-line pay for employees at high risk exposure to Covid-19 due to extensive contact with the public and vehicles such as drivers, mechanics and bus cleaners;

Employee stipends to purchase personal protective equipment. TARTA also provides employees with hand sanitizer, masks and gloves as they are available;

Modified work schedules to minimize

exposure;

Sanitizing and disinfecting all work areas and vehicles.

"Continuation of these policies is just one way to thank our employees' outstanding and vital work during these challenging times," said Dunham. "TARTA will continue to take all measures necessary to protect our employees and customers, while doing our part to reduce the spread of the coronavirus."

By first enacting these measures in March and April, TARTA was a state and national leader in swiftly implementing policies to respond to the coronavirus. Currently, TARTA is transporting approximately 1,400 customers per day on its fixed-route and paratransit



services. With the gradual re-opening of Ohio businesses, TARTA anticipates ridership to increase as additional essential trips to work will take place. The Authority reminds the community to only utilize TARTA for essential trips of work, medical appointments, and necessary shopping at the pharmacy and grocery stores. All customers are required to wear facial coverings,

which TARTA is providing to customers at-no cost if needed.

TARTA fixed-route bus service continues to be on reduced schedule and running Monday through Saturday. For more details about service, visit [www.tarta.com](http://www.tarta.com) or call the information line at 419-243-RIDE (7433) Monday-Saturday, 8:15am-6pm.

# Toledo Zoo

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same time, Fajar was trained to climb, crawl and take a bottle on a stick through the mesh. While these behaviors are quite advanced for such a young orangutan, they were necessary to ensure proper care and diet. Throughout the process, much time was spent simply allowing Leela and Fajar to bond. When it was determined that both orangutans were ready, one on one time was introduced. On April 6, 2020, Leela and Fajar were officially re-introduced and when the animal care team saw consistent healthy bonding and proper care, the next step was to leave mom and baby together overnight. Staff continued to observe and when it was determined they were doing well together, human parental assistance was ceased. According to keepers, Leela and Fajar are

continuing to work out a daily routine but continue to bond and grow. Fajar currently weighs just over 12 pounds, has 10 teeth and eats rice cereal mixed with fruits and vegetables, while also starting to sample food from Leela.

"Fajar's story is a true testament to the passion, love and work ethic of our animal care team, specifically the great apes' staff. They stepped in and cared for this new baby just like parents. They worked around the clock, stuck to feeding schedule, changed diapers and even wore him in a baby sling while they worked to ensure proper strength and form for him to hold on just like in the wild. Successfully reuniting mom and baby was always the goal and we could not be prouder of our team and the new orangutan family," said Suzanne Husband, associate curator of mammals.

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# Black People Invented Memorial Day, But That Part Got Erased From History (Well, Almost!)



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U.S. Colored Troops from the Civil War. Memorial Day, formally known as Decoration Day, was originally started by a group of African Americans. Yes, The History Channel and many other credible historians have confirmed that the popular holiday was, in fact, initially an event held by newly liberated Blacks in Charleston, South Carolina.

Submitted

It happened on May 1, 1865 right after the Civil War ended, when thousands of newly freed slaves and regiments of the U.S. Colored Troops gathered to march around a Confederate Army prison camp in honor of the unnamed fallen Union soldiers who

fought for their freedom. Also in attendance were thousands of Black women and children who reportedly sang hymns and carried flowers, wreaths, and crosses. And then the holiday got whitewashed. Historian and author, David W. Blight, said in his

book *Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory* that years later African Americans were suddenly erased from the story by white Democrats after regaining control of state politics at the end of Reconstruction.

Yes, that's right. A day that originally celebrated Black liberation was now being utilized for white supremacy, and it apparently all started from an 1865 article that was published in the *Charleston Daily Courier* that tried to discredit the facts.

After discovering that news article, many historians have agreed that after being freed, one of the first things this group of African Americans did was gather to pay tribute to those who died while fighting for freedom. Sadly, you usually don't hear that part of the story.

According to *LiberationSchool.org*, "the spirit of the first Decoration Day - the struggle for Black liberation and the fight against racism - has unfortunately been whitewashed from the modern Memorial Day."

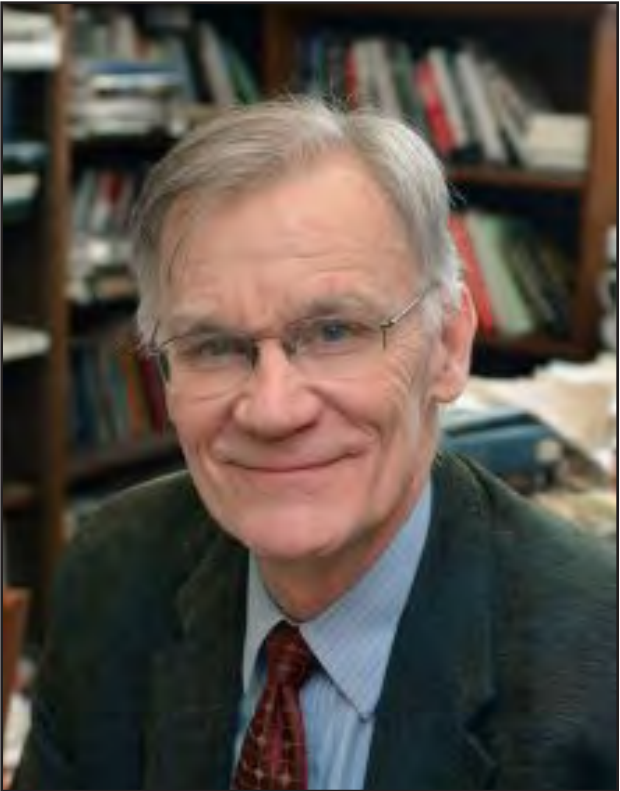


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Historian and author, **David W. Blight**

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